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SPUR TEACHING OF RUSSIAN AND POLISH

STEP UP RUSSIAN LANGUAGE INSTRUCTION -- Zwiaskowiec, No 13, 26 Mar 50

During the 1949 celebration of Stalin's birthday, over 25,000 union members began the study of Russian in 1,400 newly organized courses. The number of trade union members studying Russian during this time totaled 33,933, twice as many as the entire program envisaged. A great interest in the study of Russian has continued, and it is the trade unions' duty to extend the range and improve the quality of Russian instruction.

The quality of instruction in Russian is not uniform. The educational background of many of the trade-union instructors is not very high, and their political orientation leaves much to be desired. The greatest weakness is the lack of systematic programs and suitable text books and guides.

The Central Council of Trade Unions has organized a Center of Methodology for teaching Russian to adults. This center, formed as part of the Polish Teachers' Union, was later transferred to the Polish-Soviet Friendship Society. Its membership includes representatives of the Central Council of Trade Unions, the Polish-Soviet Friendship Society, the Peasant Self-Help Cooperative, the Federation of Polish Youth, the Ministry of Education, and the Polish Radio.

The basic task of the center is a gradual removal of the difficulties which impede the development of Russian instruction. It must develop short cuts toward gaining facility in reading Soviet newspapers. It must work out a teaching program, textbooks, and dictionaries. The center must check up on the work of old and new courses in Russian, and see that they are equipped with the required textbooks, etc. It is also responsible for the training of teachers of Russian.

One of the center's important assignments will be to conduct an investigation, as soon as possible, of all instructors of Russian. The presence of teachers whose ideological background does not foster ties of friendship between the USSR and Poland is inadmissible.

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OVER 100,000 ATTEND RUSSIAN LANGUAGE COURSES -- Zycie Warszawy, No 71, 12 Mar 50

According to preliminary data, there were, as of 1 January 1950, approximately 5,000 active Russian-language courses in Poland, with a total attendance of 100,000. The Central Center, created by the Central Administration of the Polish-Soviet Friendship Society, has been operating for several months now, and is conducting activities on a wide scale. One of the most important tasks of the Central Center was implementation of the first planned course for teachers of Russian. Applications from 217 candidates have been received for this course, to be conducted from 21 March to 10 June 1950.

TO "RE-POLONIZE" POLES -- Samopomoc Chlopska, No 7, 12 Feb 50

The People's University in Brzezno has opened seven courses designed to "re-Polonize Poles" in Regained Territories. The courses cover the study of the Polish language, history, and literature.

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